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SUBJ: PRESIDENTS'S MEETING IN PANAMA--JOINT DECLARATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED MID-MORNING TODAY, MARCH 24, BY PRESIDENTS LOPEZ, PEREZ, ODUBER AND CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT TORRIJOS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA AND THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA, GATHERED IN THE CITY OF PANAMA, WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA AND BY INVITATION OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT,

RECALLING THAT THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION WAS PROCLAIMED IN THE MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BOGOTA, TLATELOLCO AND WASHINGTON AS BEING A MATTER OF COMMON INTEREST TO  
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LATIN AMERICA,

BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNANIMOUS  
SUPPORT VOICED BY LATIN AMERICA FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE  
INALIENABLE RIGHTS DEVOLVING UPON THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
AS THE TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGN OVER ALL THE GEOGRAPHIC  
AREA WITHIN ITS BORDERS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA  
AND THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT RESPECT FOR THE PERMANENT  
SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS OVER THEIR NATURAL WEALTH IS  
FUNDAMENTAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES AND  
COGNIZANT THAT THE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION OF THE ISTHMUS  
OF PANAMA CONSTITUTES THE MAIN NATURAL RESOURCE OF THE STATE  
OF PANAMA AND THE INTER-OCEANIC CANAL A MEANS FOR THE  
UTILIZATION OF SUCH RESOURCE,

CONSIDERING THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS OF NEIGHBORHOOD  
AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF PANAMA,  
COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA.

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PANAMA CANAL,  
SITUATED IN PANAMANIAN TERRITORY, IS SUBJECT TO THE RISKS  
AND DANGERS THAT WOULD DERIVE FROM A NUCLEAR WAR IN THE EVENT  
OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFLAGRATION, WHICH EXPOSES THE THREE  
COUNTRIES TO SUFFERING LIKE CONSEQUENCES, NOTWITHSTANDING  
THEIR FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF SAID  
CANAL AND THEIR PROVEN ADHERENCE TO THE CONCERTED EFFORTS  
OF UNITED NATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE  
AND SECURITY,

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, AS A STAUNCH  
SUPPORTER OF THE OBJECTIVES OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION,  
IN HARMONY WITH THE IDEALS OF THE LIBERATOR,

CONVINCED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE CAPABLE OF  
ACCELERATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES  
AND IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING AND WELL-BEING OF  
THEIR PEOPLES, THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMS IN THEIR BORDERING AREAS,  
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TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT ON 7 FEBRUARY 1974 THE  
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SIGNED  
A JOINT STATEMENT WHICH SET FORTH 8 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES  
TO SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR THE NEGOTIATORS OF BOTH COUNTRIES,  
WHEREIN IT IS PROVIDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE  
PANAMANIAN TERRITORY OF WHICH THE PANAMA CANAL IS A PART  
WILL BE RETURNED TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF

PANAMA, AND THAT THE LATTER WILL ASSUME TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTER-OCEANIC CANAL UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE NEW TREATY,

HAVE AGREED TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

I. THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA REAFFIRM THE FULL SUPPORT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS FOR THE JUST PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS IN THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION AND AGREE TO ADDRESS ALL THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVITING THEM TO CARRY OUT NEW EFFORTS TOWARDS MATERIALIZING THE SUPPORT OFFERED PANAMA FOR ITS ENDEAVOR FOR A NEW CANAL TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IN HARMONY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION AMONG STATES.

II. INSPIRED BY THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH ABOVE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, AS THE FREE EXPRESSION OF ITS SOVEREIGN WILL, DECLARES ITS READINESS, UPON APPROVAL OF A NEW CANAL TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES, TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA, AIMED AT GRANTING THOSE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

1. TRANSIT THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL FOR THE NATURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS OF COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA, AS WELL AS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE MAILS, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY CHARGE OR DUTY, OTHER THAN THOSE THAT ARE APPLIED OR THAT MAY BE APPLIED TO THE PRODUCTS AND MAILS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, IN TERMS OF EQUALITY.

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2. NATIONALS OF COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA WHO TRANSIT THROUGH THE PANAMANIAN INTEROCEANIC ROUTE, SHALL DO SO FREE OF TOLLS, TAXES OR LEVIES THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO PANAMANIAN NATIONALS, PROVIDED THEY SHOW PROPER PROOF OF THEIR NATIONALITY.

3. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLICS OF COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA MAY AT ALL TIMES, TRANSPORT THROUGH THE INTEROCEANIC CANAL THEIR TROOPS, MATERIALS OF WAR AND SHIPS OF WAR, WITHOUT PAYING ANY TOLLS.

III. THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA DECLARES THAT ONCE PANAMA HAS CONCLUDED A NEW CANAL TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ONCE THE AGREEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE PRESENT DECLARATION HAS BEEN PERFECTED, IT WAIVES ALL RIGHTS GRANTED BY TREATY WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS THAT ARE WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGN JURISDICTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

IV. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SIGNATORY STATES TAKE NOTE  
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WITH SINCERE PLEASURE OF THE EFFORTS BEING CARRIED OUT BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES OF THE REGION TOWARDS A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF MARITIME TRANSPORT, WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION, AND AGREE TO CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER ON THE IMPORTANT MATTER.

V. THE GOVERNMENTS OF PANAMA, COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA AGREE TO GRANT SPECIAL PRIORITY TO DEVISING AND PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THEIR BORDERING AREAS, WITH A VIEW TO ACCELERATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES.

VI. THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA EXPRESS THEIR DEEP CONCERN FOR THE DILATATION WITH WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES TO CONCLUDE A NEW TREATY ON THE CANAL HAVE BEEN

DEVELOPING, SINCE THEIR INITIATION ELEVEN YEARS AGO.  
THEY, LIKEWISE, POINT OUT THE EXISTING CONTRAST BETWEEN  
THE MANNER IN WHICH THREE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES, THANKS TO PANAMA'S  
HEMISPHERIC CONCEPTION, AND THE EXCESSIVE HINDRANCES WHICH  
STILL INTERFERE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CANAL PROBLEM,  
A MATTER WHICH LATIN AMERICA CONSIDERS AS OF HER OWN  
CONCERN AND DEEMS AS REQUIRING AN URGENT SOLUTION..

GIVEN IN THE CITY OF PANAMA, CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF PANAMA, ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF THE MONTH OF MARCH,  
OF THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE.

3. SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM SIGNATORIES REMARKS  
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